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ROYAL DUBLIN SOCIETY.

RETURN to an ORDER of the Honourable The House of Commons, dated 16 March 1842;—*for*,

A COPY of the LETTER of Mr. *Lucas*, Under Secretary for *Ireland*, to the Secretary of the ROYAL DUBLIN SOCIETY, stating that the Lord Lieutenant had authorized an Advance of Money to that Society, to be repaid on the Money being Voted by Parliament;—And also, RETURN, stating in what Particulars the Recommendations of the Committee of This House in 1836, respecting that Society, have been complied with.

(Mr. Redington.)

Ordered, by The House of Commons, *to be Printed,*
5 *April* 1842.

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Sir, Dublin Castle, 18 February 1842.

I AM directed by the Lord Lieutenant to acquaint you, that orders have been issued to the Paymaster of Civil Services to lodge in the Bank of Ireland, from Civil Contingencies, to the credit of the Royal Dublin Society, 2,000*l.*, such payment to be made as an advance, and to be repaid when the Estimate for this service shall have been voted by Parliament.

I am, &c.

(signed) *E. Lucas.*

To Edward Hardman, Esq.
Royal Dublin Society.

(True Copy.)

Dublin Castle, 30 March 1842. *E. Lucas.*

A RETURN, stating in what Particulars the Recommendations of the Select Committee of The House of Commons, in 1836, respecting the ROYAL DUBLIN SOCIETY, have been complied with.

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1. *Property.*—Complied with, to the satisfaction of the Treasury, by Resolution of the Society of 11th May 1838.

2. *Admission of Members.*—Complied with, and bye-laws enacted.

3. *Associate Members.*—Complied with, and bye-laws enacted.

4. *A Council.*—Complied with, and bye-laws enacted.

5. *No Meeting to be called between 1st August and 1st November.*—This is always a period of recess.

6. *Committees.*—Complied with; with a slight alteration in their formation, founded on practical experience.

7. *Estimates.*—Complied with.

8. *Reports of Committees to Council.*—Complied with.

9. *Communication with other Societies.*—Always has been practised to the extent of the Society's means.

10. *Lecturers to be sent to Provincial Towns.*—Complied with, to the extent of the means specially granted for the purpose by the Treasury.

11. *Training of Young Men in the Botanic Garden.*—Complied with.

12. *Museum,*

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12. *Museum, Garden, and Lawn to be open to the Public.*—Complied with, with respect to Museum and Garden; but it would not be practicable to extend the admissions to the Lawn farther than at present, with safety, unless with a much larger establishment of servants than the present funds would admit of.

Visitors to Museum -	in 1840 - - -	43,356
—	1841 - - -	41,872
Visitors to Botanic Garden,	1840 - - -	22,283
—	1841 - - -	31,661

13. *Library; lending of Books.*—Books of reference, and those of a costly nature, are not lent out; other books are leut to members only, under stricter regulations, approved by the Council.

14. *Admission to Lectures.*—The public are admitted gratuitously to all the lectures.

15. *Reports of Committees, &c.*—Special reports of committees, and selected papers read at evening meetings, are printed in an appendix to the proceedings; but publications on the chance of repayment by sale, would be very hazardous. The Society has not funds for the purpose.

16. *Newspapers.*—Newspapers, and a newspaper room have been discontinued by the Society.

17. *Schools.*—Complied with. The schools were originally founded, and have always been conducted, on the principles of this Resolution.

18. *National Museum.*—It is utterly hopeless ever to have a museum deserving the name of "National," without aid from Parliament, in some degree proportionate to that granted to the British Museum.

The Society in the last year expended 1,754 *l.* in enlarging and repairing the buildings, but no money has been granted by Parliament, as contemplated by the Select Committee, since their Report of 1836, for this purpose.

Royal Dublin Society,
26 March 1842.

Ed. Hardman,
Assistant Secretary.

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